

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT (IR)

On 8-9-00 BCI Special Agents Gerry Mroczkowski, Edward Carlini and Dennis DiRienzo met with New Philadelphia Police Chief Thomas Staggers. BCI/SIU was requested to conduct a criminal investigation of New Philadelphia Police [REDACTED].

Allegations were made against [REDACTED] that he deposited money into his bank account and the money had been given to him by a friend, LOLA ARRENDONDO, to pay for her probation fees. When the probation department began the process to revoke ARRENDONDO'S probation for not paying her fees she informed the department that she provided the fee money to [REDACTED] and she thought [REDACTED] had paid her fees. ARRENDONDO contacted [REDACTED] and he stated he forgot to pay the fees. He paid the fees on 6-8-2000 (\$30.00), 7-28-2000 (two payments of \$148.00 and \$150.00).

JERRY AYERS of Jeffersonville, Indiana, contacted The New Philadelphia Police Department on 7-5-00. AYERS informed Officer Dennis Vitt that he purchased items from [REDACTED] on E-Bay and [REDACTED] did not send the items to him. AYERS asked the police department to assist him in obtaining the purchased items. The items were purchased on 6-12-00 and the price was \$500.56. By 7-15-00 AYERS had received his merchandise from [REDACTED].

Chief Staggers played an audiocassette recording of a telephone call received by the police department. The telephone call was received on 7-31-00 at 6:32 PM. A person, identifying himself as ANDY BRINKLY of BRINKLY ELECTRONICS of North Carolina, stated he received radios from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] requested the radios be programmed. BRINKLY said he needed to verify that [REDACTED] was a police officer. BRINKLY was told to contact the chief. BRINKLY has not called back.

The following documents were provided:

1. A letter of request for a BCI/SIU investigation, dated 8-7-2000.
2. A letter to [REDACTED], from Safety Director Greg Popham informing [REDACTED] that he is being placed on administrative leave.
3. A copy of a memo written to Chief Staggers, from Officer Larry Hootman, dated 8-4-2000.
4. Six pages of E-Bay documents.

File Number: SI-79-00-14-1097	File Title: POI
Authoring Agent: DiRienzo, D. #34	Case Agent: DiRienzo, D. #34
Date of Report: 8-15-00	Exhibit/Location: 1A
Investigative Activity: Meeting with Chief Staggers, documents received	Supervisor Approval: Mroczkowski, G. #27

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5. Two pages of criminal case information regarding ARRENDONDO.
6. A motion to revoke ARRENDONDO'S probation.
7. A judgement entry/ no contest plea/ sentencing.
8. An agreement statement.
9. A docket entry listing.
10. A statement from Wendy Jones.

The documents have been submitted to the exhibit portion of the case file.